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TAGS: TECH, MNUC, PARM, PK

SUBJECT: PAKISTAN NUCLEAR ISSUES

REF: ISLAMABAD 1187

1. FYI ONLY. ON FEBRUARY 14 DEPUTY SECRETARY-DESIGNATE
HANDED FOLLOWING LETTER TO PAKISTAN AMBASSADOR TO CONVEY
FROM SECRETARY VANCE TO PRIME MINISTER BHUTTO.

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QUOTE. DEAR MR. PRIME MINISTER: MY PREDECESSOR HAS BROUGHT
ME FULLY UP TO DATE ON OUR PAST CONSULTATIONS REGARDING
NON-PROLIFERATION ISSUES, IN THE CONTEXT OF THE CLOSE AND
FRIENDLY BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP OUR TWO GOVERNMENTS HAVE
ENJOYED OVER SEVERAL DECADES. I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THIS
OPPORTUNITY TO REAFFIRM MY INTEREST IN CONTINUING THIS
RELATIONSHIP WHICH HAS BEEN OF BENEFIT TO BOTH COUNTRIES.

AS YOU KNOW, PRESIDENT CARTER IS DEEPLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE IMPLICATIONS OF SENSITIVE TECHNOLOGY TRANSFERS, INCLUDING REPROCESSING, FOR THE NON-PROLIFERATION OBJECTIVES WHICH ARE OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS. AT THE SAME TIME, WE RECOGNIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE LEGITIMATE NEEDS OF OTHERS BEING FULFILLED AS THEY FOREGO CAPABILITIES FOR WHICH WE CAN SEE NO VALID BASIS.

IT IS IN THIS GENERAL CONTEXT THAT I WOULD LIKE TO SUGGEST THAT WE RESUME CONFIDENTIAL DISCUSSIONS OF ALTERNATIVES TO YOUR GOVERNMENT'S REPROCESSING PLANS. IN LIGHT OF YOUR UPCOMING ELECTIONS, I PROPOSE WE CONSIDER OPENING CONSULTATIONS IN MID- OR LATE MARCH UNLESS YOU BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO OPEN THESE EARLIER. PENDING THESE TALKS, I WOULD HOPE THAT YOUR GOVERNMENT WOULD TAKE NO FURTHER STEPS TO CARRY OUT THE REPROCESSING PROJECT. FOR OUR PART, WE WILL DO ALL WE CAN TO AVOID MAKING THIS A PUBLIC ISSUE BETWEEN OUR TWO COUNTRIES.

I HOPE THAT YOU SHARE MY FEELING ABOUT THE IMPORTANCE OF RESOLVING THIS ISSUE TO THE SATISFACTION OF BOTH COUNTRIES. I LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR IDEAS AS TO THE NEXT STEPS IN THIS DIALOGUE.

SINCERELY,CYRUS VANCE. UNQUOTE. END FYI.
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